

# St Davids Cathedral

## Open Day

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August**

### **Tours of the Cathedral Tower 11am, 12.30pm, 2pm, 3.30pm**

Maximum of 15 persons on each tour, £10 per person. First come first served. Age limit from 12 to 70 years of age. Not suitable for persons with heart conditions, respiratory

conditions, acrophobia or claustrophobia. We reserve the right to refuse admission. This is the first time in c.30 years the tower has been opened to the public.



### **Young Musicians Platform Concert 12noon**

Part of our summer series of concerts given by talented young musicians. We are pleased to welcome, Rhys Lewis, cello (Sir Thomas Picton School, Haverfordwest) with Seimon Morris, piano. This concert is free, but we do welcome donations to support the musical life of the Cathedral.



### **Bell Ringing Activities in Porth y Twr 11am to 4pm**

- 11.00 - 11.10 Demonstration of tower bell ringing
- 11.30 - 12.30 Visits to bell chamber
- 12.00 - 12.20 Demonstration of handbell ringing
- 13.00 - 13.30 "Have a go at ringing a bell"
- 14.00 - 14.10 Demonstration of tower bell ringing
- 14.30 - 15.00 "Have a go at ringing a bell"
- 15.00 - 15.20 Demonstration of handbell ringing
- 15.30 - 16.00 Visits to bell chamber
- 16.00 - 16.10 Demonstration of tower bell ringing

There will also be an exhibition, throughout the day, of old photographs of the tower at various stages of its

life along with other, bell-ringing material and bell-ringers happy to talk and answer questions.

### **Sacred Space: Cathedral Labyrinth**

Throughout the Summer, we invite you to walk the Labyrinth to reflect on your path of faith or just for fun.

Our new Labyrinth mat at the west end forms a seven-circuit mediaeval design pathway for you to walk and reflect on your spiritual journey. Step out of the normal everyday world and become aware of God's presence and guiding as you walk the twists and turns set out before you to the centre of the labyrinth. Return to the world taking God's love with you.

## **General Tours of the Cathedral**

Please meet at the West End at 11am, 1:30pm, 3pm. Suggested Donation £2 per person.

## **Education Activities, Cathedral Crafts – 11am-5pm**

Dress up as St David in a monk's habit; wear a pilgrim's shell and collect images from the tiles in the Cathedral, use these to design your own stained-glass window to take home with you to remember your visit. Write a pilgrim shell prayer and leave it at the Shrine of St David.

## **Interactive Display of Cathedral Plate 12noon-2pm in the South Transept**

Learn what the liturgical items mean and are used for with one of the cathedral vergers, and get to handle some of our treasures!

## **Library Displays 11am-3pm**

Visit the Cathedral Library built in 1405.

Display in Cathedral Library of 16th Century books, including 1620 Bible in Welsh, 1611 "Breeches" Bible, 1633 Rheims New Testament, 1668 Thomas Tomkins music part books.

*At Library entrance in north aisle* - Exhibition of Lord Nelson's Bible and Prayer Book, restored on behalf of St Katharine's Church, Milford Haven, with other Lord Nelson memorabilia from St Katharine's.

*Library exhibition in Cathedral Treasury* featuring Cathedral Visitors Book signatures of Emmeline Pankhurst and other suffragettes.

3pm - Guided Tour of Cathedral Library

## **Display of flower arranging**

Sue Preece, a long standing member of the Cathedral's Flower Guild, will demonstrate floral art at two sessions (one in the morning and one in the afternoon). Sue will create four different table arrangements using supermarket flowers and garden foliage to show what can be achieved at relatively low cost.

Feel free to come to one or both sessions, or just drop in from time to time. The arrangements will be available to purchase after the morning and afternoon sessions.



## **Ball race and hog roast**

7pm ball race down the 39 steps followed by hog roast, live music, bar in the Deanery garden.

**Many of the events are free, but we do welcome a donation of £5 per person for all who visit the Cathedral. We receive no state aid and are dependent on the generosity of our visitors to support the life and witness of the Cathedral. We are responsible for the upkeep of this 800 year old building, which is one of the most important ancient buildings in Wales, and the Shrine of David, our National Saint.**